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| In re application of: Benjamin N. Eldridge<br>and Stuart W. Wenzel<br>Serial No.<br>Filing Date:<br>For: Method For Forming Microelectronic<br>Spring Structures On A Substrate | Art Unit:<br><br>Examiner: |
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GENERAL AUTHORIZATION/REQUEST TO PETITION FOR EXTENSIONS OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

With reference to the subject application, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby authorize and request the Commissioner to treat any correspondence requiring a petition for extension of time as containing such a request therefor for the appropriate length of time. This general authorization is effective during the pendency of this application, including any division or continuing application therefrom.

Where no check is received by the Commissioner, you are hereby authorized to charge payment of the requisite petition fees, or charge any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0639. A duplicate copy of this general authorization is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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